

REMARKS

Claims 18-24, 31-36 and 41-43 are pending.

Claims 20, 23 and 43 are currently cancelled.

No new matter is added.

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31-36, 41 and 42 are presented for reconsideration.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102(b)

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Glushkov et al. (Khimiko-Farmatsevticheskii Zhurnal 1992, 26(6), 18-21).

Claim 20 is currently cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Oon et al. (Biochemical Medicine 1977, 18(3), 410-19).

Claim 23 is currently cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 43 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Littell et al. (J. Org. Chem. 1973, 38(8), 1504-10).

Claim 43 is currently cancelled without prejudice.

The Applicants therefore aver that the 35 USC 102(b) rejections are addressed and overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter/Allowed Claims

Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31-36, 41 and 42 are currently allowed.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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